



Miami-Dade
County
**Health
Department**
Annual Report
2010



Healthcare Heroes 2010
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Communities Putting Prevention To Work

A federal grant of \$14.7 million is helping keep the Miami-Dade County Health Department on the forefront of preventing chronic diseases in our community. The Communities Putting Prevention to Work initiative will aim at increasing physical activity, improving nutrition, and decreasing smoking, steps considered critical in order to reduce the incidence of chronic diseases and promoting health.

With this project, the MDCHD is set to lead the way in the fight against chronic disease in the county, Florida and the nation.



"This is a wonderful opportunity for our community," said Dr. Lillian Rivera, administrator of MDCHD, when the program was announced. "With this funding our community will be able to expand access to fresh fruits and

vegetables through community gardens and farms to institutions, promote healthy options in vending machines, promote breastfeeding, invest in activities that promotes physical activity, incorporate community planning design standards that encourage physical activity, and enhance the safe routes to school and park programs.





COMMUNITIES PUTTING PREVENTION TO WORK



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

At a local level, the funds will be used to increase the availability of healthy foods and beverages by revising procurement policies and practices at schools, worksites, hospitals, and other community institutions.



This initiative also aims at reducing sodium consumption in Miami-Dade County through labeling initiatives and restaurant standards. The efforts will be complemented by

a media campaign to promote healthy food and drink choices and increased physical activity. The Department plans to enhance signage for bike lanes, boulevards, and walk-able neighborhoods to encourage physical activity such as biking and walking, and will work with child care facilities to increase the amount of physical activity.



Our community is one of 44 around the country to participate in this U.S. Department of Health and Human Services initiative. The \$372.8 million invested in this program

resulted from passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The MDCHD has invited everyone in our community to play an active role in this initiative and join us in paving the way to reduce significantly the incidence of chronic diseases in Miami-Dade.



Our Challenge

The Miami-Dade County Health Department (MDCHD) protects our community from a wide range of public health threats such as tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and other communicable diseases in general. Our activities include identifying health risks; maintaining a safe and healthful environment; detecting, investigating and preventing the spread of disease; promoting healthy lifestyles; and informing the public on health issues.

Our broad approach to public health spans environmental health to family planning, refugee health to immunizations and nutrition for women, and infants and children to the prevention of chronic diseases.

We also participate in disaster planning and facilitate the staffing of shelters for people with special health care needs in the event of hurricanes or other disasters. Further, we maintain the county's vital records of births and deaths, develop school health projects and educate the public regarding healthy behaviors such as avoiding tobacco use, injury prevention and more.

We have three full service locations – in the north, central and southern regions of the county – and operate other health clinics that serve specific local areas.

We have twice received the Governor's Sterling Award for significant improvement and performance excellence, demonstrating our commitment to the health and safety of the communities we serve.

Created by the Florida legislature in 1997, MDCHD is the local branch of a state public agency, the Florida Department of Health.

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Vision

To Be a World-Class Public Health System.

Mission

The mission of the MDCHD is to promote and protect the health of our community through prevention and preparedness today for a healthier tomorrow.

Values

Integrity, Customer and Community Focus, Accountability, Teamwork, Excellence, Respect for People.

Strategic Priorities

1. Prevention & Preparedness
2. Return on Investment
3. Service Excellence



From the Mayor



CARLOS ALVAREZ
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

2010

Dear Residents,

It's with great satisfaction that I join the Miami-Dade County Health Department (MDCHD) in presenting its 2010 Annual Report.

The Health Department has been an integral partner in advancing health initiatives in our County and promoting healthy lifestyles among our residents. We have held health expos and fairs in communities all across Miami-Dade offering blood pressure, bone density, glucose, cholesterol and other screenings. The new Communities Putting Prevention to Work initiative will allow us to further the mission of increasing physical activity and improving nutritional habits in our neighborhoods.

I congratulate the Miami-Dade County Health Department for its accomplishments and commitment to the health and safety of our residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Carlos Alvarez". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Carlos Alvarez
Mayor







From the Surgeon General

To the Citizens of Miami-Dade County,

As the State Surgeon General of the Florida Department of Health, it gives me great pleasure to join the Miami-Dade Health Department (MDCHD) in presenting its 2010 Annual Report.

With the difficult challenges our nation is currently facing, the role of the Florida Department of Health, to promote and protect the health of all Floridians, is more important now than ever.

Sedentary lifestyles, poor eating habits, and associated chronic diseases are affecting our state. As Floridians, we should be pro-active in helping each other live healthy lifestyles. Through a partnership of government, business, community organizations, and residents, we can encourage the public to engage in physical activity and healthy eating habits that can prevent obesity and reduce the risk of developing many chronic diseases. We can shift the focus of health care in Florida from treating chronic diseases to preventing them by changing our behaviors and policies.

I congratulate the Miami-Dade County Health Department for being the recipient of a federal grant as part of Communities Putting Prevention to Work. I know Miami-Dade will be a leader in implementing local initiatives aimed at increasing physical activity in public schools, improving access to and consumption of healthy foods, and encouraging breastfeeding, among other goals.

I thank MDCHD's leaders and employees for their commitment to safeguarding public health and for the great work they do to provide access to affordable health care for residents and visitors in Miami-Dade county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ana Maria Viamonte Ros". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ana" being particularly prominent.

Dr. Ana M. Viamonte-Ros, MD, MPH
State Surgeon General
Florida Department of Health

From the Administrator

Dear Residents,

It is with great pleasure that I present this 2010 annual report to our community. These pages recount our goals and achievements as well as the challenges we overcame to continually safeguard public health.

From immunizations to environmental health, all our programs have been effective in keeping diseases and threats at bay. We are particularly proud of the mass vaccination campaign against H1N1 Influenza that we started in 2009.

The Miami-Dade Health Department's achievements to protect residents and visitors alike could not have been possible without the help and support of our community partners on many fronts. Highlights include a successful HIV/AIDS early intervention project, better funding for our dental programs for children, community efforts to combat tuberculosis, the tremendous contributions by volunteer physicians, dentists and nurses who provide free health services to patients in need, and public health campaigns against breast cancer and other chronic diseases.

Another highlight was the opening of our new Center of Excellence at 1350 NW 14th St., a state of the art facility that houses immunization, women's health, tuberculosis treatment and prevention, sexually transmitted diseases prevention programs and other public health services, as well as vital records.

In September 2010, we officially launched the Communities Putting Prevention to Work, an initiative aimed at promoting good nutrition and physical activity. By implementing CPPW at a local level, we hope to lead the way in the fight against chronic disease in the county, Florida and the nation.

The federal funds we received will enable us to expand access to fresh fruits and vegetables through community gardens and farms to institutions, promote healthy options in vending machines, promote breastfeeding, invest in activities that promotes physical activity, incorporate community planning design standards that encourage physical activity, and enhance the safe routes to school and park programs.

During 2010 we also received the Health Care Heroes Award, given by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce to institutions and individuals who make an extraordinary impact in improving the quality of health care in South Florida.

As 2011 unfolds, we are committed to public health in Miami-Dade and will work hard to increase access to affordable, good quality health care and continue providing preventive health services to all our residents.

I'm very proud of all our employees and leaders for the excellent job they do every day in securing public health on our neighborhoods, streets and towns.

Sincerely,



Lillian Rivera, R.N., M.S.N, Ph.D
Administrator
Miami-Dade County Health Department



Community and Family Health

Immunization Services

Focus on the 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccination Campaign



The Special Immunization Program provides immunizations for children and adults. When the 2009 H1N1 Influenza vaccine became available in October of that year, we provided over 60,000 vaccines to clients at clinic sites and health fairs. We also facilitated distribution of over 700,000 vaccines to members of our community through a network of health care providers. The program regularly has three pediatric and one adult immunization site, as well as a clinic for travelers going abroad. Common activities include providing immunizations required for school entry and educating Hepatitis B-positive mothers on disease prevention. This year we worked closely with local health care providers to ensure vaccines were stored properly and conducted visits to daycare centers in at-risk areas to assess immunization compliance.

School Health

Bringing Health to Students

The School Health Program strives to promote healthy, lifelong behaviors and prevent diseases through health awareness and education. Our philosophy is that prevention and education are keys to improved health and academic outcomes. Youth who are healthy and safe are most likely better equipped to contribute to the success of their learning processes.

Toward this end, partnerships have been established with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Children's Trust among others. Through these partnerships, over one million school health services were provided to students in 165 schools and the school community during the 2008-2009 school year.

For the 2009-2010 school year, the Children's Trust, through the Health Connect in Our Schools Initiative, provided health services in 131 schools. Additionally, we provided health services in 34 core schools, plus 145 satellite schools. This was the first year we targeted satellite school locations. The goal was to help ensure that all Miami-Dade public schools without assigned health teams received some basic schools health services. As a result, more students had the opportunity to receive health services at school sites. Strong support by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and dedicated and caring health service providers made these achievements possible.

Women's Health and Preventive Services

Toward Better Family Health

The Women's Health and Preventive Services program promotes and protects the health and well being of women and their families in Miami-Dade County through prevention, preparedness, education and timely attention to family health care needs. Program components include family planning services, the breast and cervical cancer early detection program, Screen for Life colorectal cancer control program, MOMmobile, Seals on Wheels dental care, determining family planning Medicaid waiver eligibility and the Fast Track Clinic. The clinic is a pilot project for diverting uninsured patients with non-urgent issues away from the emergency room.

Family Planning

Six strategically located family planning clinics in Miami-Dade County assist more than 18,976 clients and provided 144,000 services.

The Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

Formally known as Project SCREEN, this program provides screenings to uninsured, low income and underserved women between the ages of 50 and 64 in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. In the 2009-2010 fiscal year, 1,556 women received mammograms and 860 women received pap smears.

Screen for Life

This new colorectal cancer control program receives funding from the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention. It targets men and women between the ages of 50 to 64 who have low income, no health insurance and have not been screened within the past five years. Only U.S. citizens and legal residents are eligible.

MOMmobile

This state of the art mobile medical unit provides prenatal and postpartum care to low-income, uninsured women in the southern Miami-Dade County. The MOMmobile traveled to 54 health fair and other outreach events, and provided information to over 2,430 health fair participants. As a result, the MOMmobile provided 28,665 individual services to over 2,146 unduplicated clients.

Seals on Wheels

This mobile dental sealant program was able to provide over 9,000 preventive dental services to school-aged children, including application of 4,664 sealants. In addition, Seals on Wheels made 2,100 oral health presentations to elementary school children.

Vital Statistics

Quality Service

The Office of Vital Records issues all certified records of birth for citizens born anywhere in Florida and death and birth certificates for event occurred in Miami-Dade County. A new automated vital system allows keying of birth certificates at the mother's bedside and issuance within 24 hours. Out of 221,635 registered live births in the State for the past year, Miami Dade leads all counties with record numbers of 29,389 live births, 18,336 deaths, and 232 fetal deaths. At the same time, a total of 101,154 birth and 78,883 death records were issued to the general public. Our business partners include local hospitals, birthing centers, and midwives; funeral homes handling cases of death that occurred in the county; the medical examiner office; and Vital Chek for online requests.

We provide services at three convenient locations: the new Downtown Health Center in Room 101, West Perrine (Homestead area) and Miami Lakes (North Dade).

Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children

Helping Families



Eligible pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children to age five receive special nutritional assistance. Benefits include nutrition counseling and education, breastfeeding support and a monthly package of healthy food.

In 2009, the WIC program served 120,334 people at 16 service locations. Our clients received more than \$59.7 million in food benefits. The WIC food package was revised to add fruits and vegetables, whole grain bread, baby food, and, for totally breastfeeding mothers, larger amounts and varieties of food.

WIC maintains a trilingual appointment/information line – (786) 336-300. Appointments are available Monday thru Saturday to assure access by working families.

Breastfeeding assistance is available through a 24-hour help line – (786) 336-1336. Callers receive immediate support and, if needed, are linked up with lactation consultants or trained peer counselors who offer assistance through WIC offices and several local hospitals.





Protecting

Epidemiology and Disease Control

Preventing diseases through active surveillance

This program monitors and investigates incidents of more than 80 infectious diseases, animal bites and environmental conditions. Over the past year, we managed nearly 6,500 cases of illness. Approximately 1,500 of these were related to the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus. We fought against influenza by investigating reported outbreaks in schools, jails, businesses and other settings. Local health providers received daily reports regarding emergency department visits for influenza-like illness, school absenteeism and H1N1 influenza-related cases. Special units within this department continued normal activities controlling food and waterborne illness as well as other diseases to ensure the health and safety of Miami-Dade County's residents and visitors.

The Community

Community Health & Planning

A Multi-Faceted Approach

Worksite Wellness

The Office of Community Health and Planning provided 37 worksite wellness events during the 2009-2010 year for its employees, while also providing screenings and education services to 518 clients. In addition, 464 clients were vaccinated for H1N1 influenza and hepatitis A&B.

In order to encourage healthy lifestyles, aerobic classes, pedometer challenges and nutrition classes were offered.

Community Health Action Team

This past year, our Community Health Action Team provided H1N1 vaccines to 2,768 clients in their places of business.

Tobacco Prevention and Control

The Miami-Dade Tobacco Prevention and Control Program and its county tobacco-free partnership continue to focus its efforts on reducing tobacco-related disease, disability and death.

The Healthy Start Data Management Office

The Healthy Start Data Management Office continues to provide services to the Healthy Start system in Miami-Dade. This past year, we processed 33,572 prenatal and 35,535 postnatal screens.

Communities Putting Prevention to Work

Ours is one of 44 communities nationwide receiving stimulus funds to battle chronic diseases under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services established the Communities Putting Prevention to Work initiative to accomplish this. Here in Miami-Dade County, the MDCHD has elected to tackle the issue of obesity with these funds through our Office of Community Health and Planning.

Over the next two years, we will provide oversight and manage multiple countywide, community-specific interventions that consist of improving physical education in school, improving safe routes to school, and increasing access to nutritious foods. Our target population will under-served and under-insured residents of all ages. We will seek to increase physical activity, improve nutritional habits, and decrease screening time through community and work-based interventions that are culturally appropriate. We will engage local decision-makers and community partners in this effort.

Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade



We sponsor the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade comprised of 350+ members and 160 organizations. Our eight committees employ a systematic approach in developing strategies to combat chronic diseases. The committees are: worksite wellness, health promotion and disease prevention, health and the built environment, children's issues, elder issues, tobacco free workgroup, membership and marketing, and oral health.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

New Challenges

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) remain a major public health challenge in Miami-Dade County. In 2009, 11,816 new curable STDs (Chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis) were reported to the MDCHD. Chlamydia was the most commonly diagnosed STD, accounting for 70% of the reported cases.

In April 2010, a critical advisory letter went out from the MDCHD Administrator, Dr. Lillian Rivera addressing the rise in infectious syphilis (53%), gonorrhea (24%) and Chlamydia (64%) from 2006 to 2009. These increases represent a 10 year high, but represent only a fraction of the actual cases as many people have no symptoms and are left untreated.

Chlamydia was the most commonly diagnosed STD with almost 73% of the infected women between 15-24 years of age. Additionally, more than 50% of those persons infected with syphilis were co-infected with HIV.



The Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Prevention & Control program seeks to reduce the incidence of diseases in partnership with the communities of Miami-Dade County by diagnosing and treating infected individuals, and providing partner services to include examination, laboratory testing, treatment, counseling, and provider referral. Program staff provides

trainings, awareness programs, and participate in many collaborative activities to include targeted outreach testing with internal and external partners.

The MDCHD signed memorandum of agreements with eight community-based organizations to screen adolescents and young adults for Chlamydia and gonorrhea. The focus is on the prevention of infertility through the reduction and control of Chlamydia and gonorrhea infections in those individuals under the age of 25.



The Program oversees four STD clinics in Miami-Dade County in partnership with the University Of Miami School Of Medicine that provides comprehensive clinical services. These public health centers had nearly 18,000 STD related visits and tested some 15,658 patients for Chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and/or HIV in 2009.

Refugee Health

Helping Refugees

The Refugee Health Assessment Program (RHAP) provides health services to refugees and is the largest program of its kind in both the State of Florida and the United States.

In the 2009, RHAP screened 15,922 new arrivals. 91% of these clients were served within 30 days after arriving in the country, significantly less than the 90-day period stipulated by the program's guidelines. Similar to previous years, Cubans represented the largest group by national origin served at the program with 16,298 (94.86%). Haitians came in second place with 257 or 4.5 %, followed by Colombians with 124, around 1.5%.

In 2009, the RHAP moved to its current facility located at 305 N.W. 27th Avenue. This new location provides more space for waiting rooms, registration area, and laboratory and staff offices, and better parking conditions for clients.

Our program opened its doors to those families that fled Haiti after the earthquake that devastated the island in January 2010. The Refugee Program set up a special Haitian relief clinic that provided medical examinations and immunizations to 461 Haitian children for school admission.

Tuberculosis Control and Prevention Program

On the Move Against TB

The Tuberculosis Control and Prevention Program successfully reduced the number of TB cases in the county over the last five years. In 2009, there were 158 cases compared to 197 the year before, a 20 percent reduction. Cases are down from a recent high of 268 in 2004.

Last year, we commemorated World TB Day with the First Annual World TB Day March in March. It provided an opportunity to educate about the various causes of the disease, the precautions to be taken and its proper management.

We also celebrated the Annual World TB Conference themed to "On the Move against Tuberculosis, Innovate to Accelerate Action." The conference provides an opportunity for all the community partners to interact with our TB treatment and education program and review all aspects of case management, disease epidemiology, environmental protection and client service.





Laboratory Services

Nearly 180,00 served

This program is responsible for providing effective and accurate laboratory diagnostic services aimed at controlling diseases and helping prevention. We serve over 20 clinics concerned with sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, family planning and health care for women and children. Between 2009 and 2010, 179,321 patients received laboratory services.

Public Health Preparedness

Protecting Our Community



The Public Health Preparedness Program is responsible for maintaining our all-hazards disaster /emergency planning and response initiatives. This is an integral part of the overall emergency preparedness in Miami-Dade County.

This past year the program has collaborated with many local, regional, state, and federal community partner agencies to improve the ability to respond to all-hazard events that impact the public's health.

Program elements include:

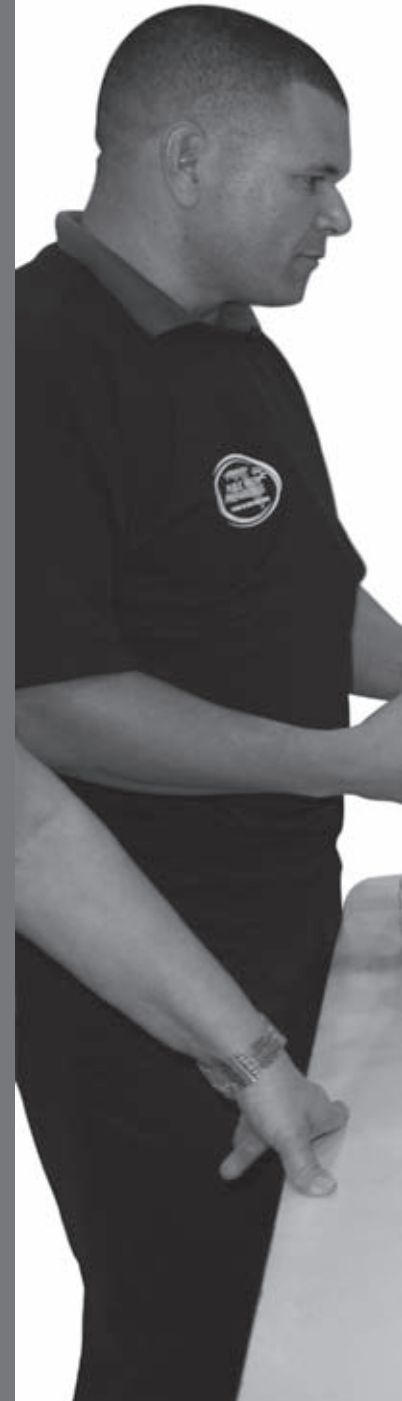
The Cities Readiness Initiative: Involves coordination of activities to efficiently respond to any event requiring the mass dispensing of medical countermeasures to the community.

The Medical Reserve Corps Initiative: Coordinates the skills of practicing and retired physicians, nurses and other health professionals, as well as other citizens interested in health issues, who volunteer to address the community's ongoing public health needs and to help the community during large-scale emergencies.

The Hospital Preparedness Consortium Initiative: Provides a forum for uniting hospitals with other relevant stakeholders in the community to address healthcare emergency preparedness and response capabilities of hospitals in the county.

The Comprehensive Emergency Plan Review Initiative: Tasks health care providers with reviewing their agency plans and making sure that they mesh as part of an overall community-wide emergency strategy.

The Planning, Training and Exercise Initiative: Challenges organization planners to ensure that responders are prepared to handle emergencies by preparing plans, projects, protocols, training and exercise evaluation activities in collaboration with stakeholders.





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Community Relations



Office of Communication and Legislative Affairs

Informing the Community

The Office of Communication and Legislative Affairs keeps the community informed about all aspects of public health, explores new ways to disseminate information and advances the public health agenda.

When the World Health Organization announced the emergence of a novel influenza A virus known as H1N1 in late April 2009, we provided up-to-date information on its presence in the community and precautions the public could take against spread of the disease. We produced 99 press releases, answered 1,270 media requests, and gave 245 TV, radio and print interviews. Additionally, more than 150,000 H1N1 informational pamphlets were distributed in English, Spanish and Creole.

Overall, we issued 144 press releases and received 2,135 media requests in 2009. Activities included numerous press conferences and attendance at health fairs and other community events. Also, we held 23 town hall meetings involving elected officials and educational leaders at various locations throughout the county, drawing a total of 1,332 people.

Further, we conduct regular meetings with elected officials and community partners to discuss public health issues. Once again, we were instrumental in securing county funding. The office worked diligently with Miami-Dade County to advance the public health agenda and assisted in obtaining funding for the Liberty City Health Center during the 2010 legislative session. Through participation

in the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce health committees, we obtained support both from the chamber and Miami-Dade County for legislative issues.



Office Director Olga Connor served on the county's Complete Count Committee for the 2010 census. We assisted the census participation effort by distributing over 36,000 flyers, posters and palm cards through a variety of means, including over 70 community events, and by acting as a spokesperson at media events.

Volunteer Services

The Volunteer Health Services program promotes access to quality health care for medically underserved and uninsured county residents through the commitment of volunteers and community partners. Together, they generously and compassionately choose to make a difference in our community.



From July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, more than 2,367 volunteers supported our department and the free clinics in the community by providing care to over 83,000 uninsured and underserved men, women and children. The value of their donated services exceeded \$44 million. These statistics

only scratched at the surface because they do not include the immense contributions made by our many other community partners and their staffs.

Environmental Health And Engineering



Environmental Safety

Preventing Injuries and Diseases



The Division of Environmental Health and Engineering, a branch of public health and preventative medicine, is responsible for protecting the community from negative environmental factors, both natural and man-made.

Protection programs address safe drinking water, beach monitoring, indoor air, community hygiene, food and group care, biomedical waste, public bathing places, and onsite sewage treatment and disposal.

From July 2009 to June 2010, we investigated 1,314 sanitary nuisance complaints. One of the largest of these investigations concerned a sewage spill of over 20 million gallons that affected the Biscayne River Canal. During the same period, we conducted 27,504 facility inspections and 21,338 environmental quality investigations. We also took 6,597 water samples which were submitted to the local laboratory for testing.

We provided dozens of media interviews regarding environmental health issues. Subjects included pharmaceuticals in the drinking water supply, water pollution, fluoridation of public drinking water, school and food service sanitation, pool safety and the condition of beach waters.



We led investigations into groundwater pesticide contamination affecting homes in the Kendall area, and of waterborne disease outbreaks in several critical facilities in Miami-Dade County. We also worked with a variety of agencies in investigating slaughterhouse operations

near Okeechobee Road and the C-9 Canal. And we worked with Florida City officials concerning final approval of fluoridating the city's public water supply.

Community Development Block Grant funding in the amount of \$659,000 facilitated environmental programs in low-to-moderate income communities.

Environmental Health generated revenue of \$3,199,690 in fiscal year 2009-2010, amounting to a \$473,706 increase from the previous year, as a contribution to assuring more self-sustained operations in response to a continuing budget crisis.



We participate with the University of Miami in research relating to the quality of our local coastal bathing waters and co-authored a chapter about ocean water quality monitoring in a book entitled "Oceans and Human Health: Risks and Remedies from the Seas." Also Dr. Samir

Elmir, director of the Environmental Health program, published a scientific report in the Water Research Journal about the release of bacteria into marine waters by adults and toddlers. He presented his findings at the American Public Health Association's 137th Annual Conference in Philadelphia.

Compliance for Environmental Health Programs

For Permit Year 2009-2010

Food Hygiene - 96.58%

Group Care - 98.69%

Pools - 90.51%

Biomedical Waste - 86.17%

Body Art - 100.00%

Tanning - 97.56%

Mobile Home Parks - 93.22%

Migrant Housing - 100.00%

Drinking Water (357) - 88.68%

Septic Tanks-New Systems - 99.77%

Septic Tanks-Repairs - 98.28%

Community Hygiene - 98.84%

Comprehensive Score - 95.69%



Highlights

Grant for Dental Van

We received a \$30,000 grant from Health Foundation of South Florida to help support the Seals on Wheels dental program. This mobile dental program provides preventive dental services including sealants to second-grade children at schools in southern Miami-Dade County during school hours. Besides sealants, dental examinations, oral hygiene instruction, dental cleanings, fluoride varnish applications and x-rays are provided. MDCHD dental health professionals staff the van.

Health Care Heroes

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Healthcare and Bioscience Committee presented us with the 2010 Health Care Heroes® award in the institution/program category. This prestigious award recognizes our collective effort in serving the community and the extraordinary impact we have had in the South Florida when it comes to public health.

Medical Reserve Corps Award

Claudio Micieli, MDCHD Medical Reserve Corps coordinator, became the first recipient of the Florida Medical Reserve Corps Network Jay Lee, Ph.D. Leadership and Innovation Award for outstanding MRC program coordination. The Medical Reserve Corps is a community-based group of medical and non-medical volunteers that are pre-identified, trained, prepared, and ready to respond to medical and public health emergencies.

Quick Response

We organized a quick response to the earthquake that devastated Haiti in January 2010. Employees collected donations and sent relief items to that nation.

Early HIV/AIDS Intervention



Our HIV/AIDS program launched the HIV/AIDS Early Intervention Leadership Program (H.E.I.L.P. Network) with more than 80 participants. Miami-Dade County HELP Network provides up-to-date support, technical assistance, and training to HIV counselors in our community and encourages sharing of best practices to reduce the incidence of the disease.

Healthy Stories

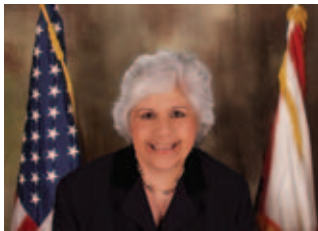


It has been a busy year for Healthy Stories, a book that compiles stories, poems and testimonials on public health topics. Morton Laitner, Editor-in-Chief and Healthy Stories author has been all around Miami-Dade presenting the book at different events, among them the Author's showcase in Hallandale Beach Library, Mosaic Theater, in Plantation and Temple Shalom, in Pompano Beach. Mort Laitner says that "Healthy Stories is all about teaching health in an entertaining way."

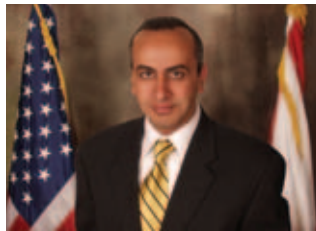
Public Health Accreditation

The Miami-Dade County Health Department was selected as a beta site to assist the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) in testing the process of national accreditation for state, local, territorial and tribal public health departments. The Miami-Dade County Health Department was one of 30 health departments nationwide selected to participate in this year long endeavor. The goal of the accreditation program is to improve and protect the health of every community by advancing the quality and performance of public health departments. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in collaboration with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is supporting a national voluntary accreditation program for public health agencies. The program will be launched in late 2011.

Senior Leaders



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Administrator



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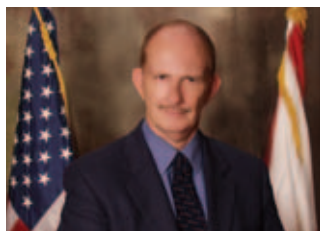
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